

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A filter comprising:
 - a filter element;
 - a core member in fluid communication with the filter element; and
 - a sleeve of a substantially fluid non-permeable material surrounding at least a portion of one end of the filter element.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) A filter of claim 1 wherein the filter element is comprises a material selected from pleated media and non-pleated media.
4. (Original) A filter of claim 3 wherein the non-pleated media is selected from the group comprising wrapped media, solid media and granular media.
5. (Currently amended) A filter element of claim 3 wherein the pleated media comprises a material selected from the group comprising cellulose, polypropylene, polyethylene, polyester, fiberglass, cloth, paper, nylon, orlon, polytetrafluoroethylene ~~TEFLON®~~ and combinations thereof.
6. (Original) A filter element of claim 4 wherein the wrapped media comprises a material selected from the group comprising spunbonded material, cloth, polypropylene, polyester and mixtures thereof.
7. (Original) A filter element of claim 1 further comprising a rigid support surrounding the filter element inside the sleeve.
8. (Currently amended) A filter element of claim 7 + wherein the rigid support further comprises a mesh.

9. (Original) A filter element of claim 1 wherein the core member comprises a rigid perforated tube.

10. (Original) A filter comprising:

- a housing with a fluid inlet and a fluid outlet;
- a filter element disposed within the housing;
- said filter element having a central core in fluid communication with the filter element;
- the fluid outlet of the housing in communication with the central core; and
- a sleeve of a substantially fluid non-permeable material surrounding at least a portion of one end of the filter element preventing fluid flow into the filter element.

11. (Currently amended) A filter of claim 10 wherein the fluid inlet of the housing is ~~towards~~ near the end of the filter surrounded by the sleeve.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A filter of claim 10 further comprising a second sleeve member which is joined to an end cap on which the filter element abuts and has a central cylindrical extension in fluid communication with the central core and has a seal member on the central cylindrical extension and is coupled to the outlet of the housing.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A filter of claim 10 wherein the filter element comprises a material selected from pleated media and non-pleated media.

16. (Original) A filter of claim 15 wherein the non-pleated media is selected from the group comprising wrapped media, solid media and granular media.

17. (Currently amended) A filter element of claim 16 wherein the pleated media comprises a material selected from the group comprising cellulose, polypropylene, polyethylene, polyester, fiberglass, cloth, paper, nylon, orlon, polytetrafluoroethylene ~~TEFLON®~~ and combinations thereof.

18. (Original) A filter element of claim 16 wherein the wrapped media comprises a material selected from the group comprising spunbonded material, cloth, fiberglass, polypropylene, polyester and mixtures thereof.

19. (Original) A filter element of claim 10 further comprising a rigid support surrounding the filter element inside the sleeve.

20. (Original) A filter element of claim 19 wherein the rigid support further comprises a mesh.

21. (Original) A filter element of claim 10 wherein the central core comprises a rigid perforated tube.

22-48. (Canceled)